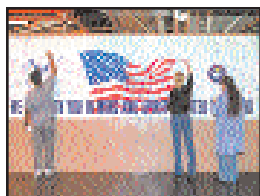


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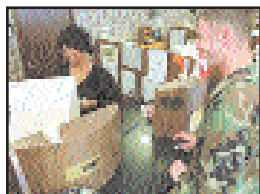
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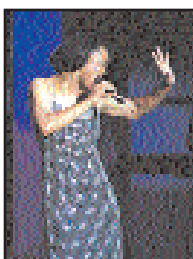
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Assault on terrorists continues

Office of Public Affairs

With days of strikes against Taliban targets and thousands of rations dropped to refugees, the American assault on terrorism has taken on a tangible appearance.

"We are now entering an era in which we need to anticipate and prepare for asymmetric attacks, including but not limited to terrorism," Secretary of the Air Force James G. Roche said during a visit to Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, Oct. 5.

"We heard the president say this will be a long campaign, and it will be conducted with both traditional and nontraditional means, with coalition partners and through diplomatic, financial, intelligence, economic and other tools."

Sea-launched Tomahawk cruise missiles and B-1, B-52 and B-2 bombers were used in the attacks on airfields, terrorist training camps and other targets.

Aircraft and missiles hit 85 percent of their 31 targets during the first two days of strikes.

Two C-17 transports also dropped 37,500 Humanitarian Daily Ration packs to refugees within Afghanistan. The Department of Defense will deliver medical supplies to the Afghan refugees in the future.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld and Air Force Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, would not give specifics about future campaign plans. Rumsfeld said the air attacks would concentrate on "emerging targets" and hit them as necessary.

He said the United States and its partners would continue to exercise the utmost care in selecting targets to minimize civilian casualties.

"If you try to quantify what we're doing today in terms of previous conventional wars, you're making a huge mistake," Myers said. "That is 'old think' and that will not help you to analyze what we're doing."

Rumsfeld agreed, saying the war against terrorism is a "notably different situation" from those in the past. Before, the tonnage of bombs dropped was a measure of success. Other measurements having nothing to do with the Defense Department can be just as important.

"The Department of Justice and associated

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Air Force photo by Margo Wright

Ready to fly

Aircraft mechanic Randy Cameron moves over every inch of an engine, inspecting and preparing it to be hung on a -135 aircraft undergoing depot maintenance in Bldg. 3001. The Tanker Branch of the Aircraft Production Division recently sent a KC-135 through PDM 43 days ahead of schedule. The C/KC-135 System Program Office met Chief of Staff of the Air Force objectives by reducing the number of aircraft in depot status by 50. To learn more about each of these successes, see page 14.

Medics ensure base personnel fit to fight

Ray Dozier Staff Writer

A physically fit force is vital to performing the Air Force's duties in the fight against terrorism. To ensure deployable personnel at Tinker Air Force Base are physically fit, the 72nd Medical Group will be performing a mass Personal Health Assessment Oct. 25 and 26.

"The reason we're doing the [assessment] is for obvious reasons — we're starting a war and we have to make sure our folks are ready to go," said Dr. Col.

Jeffrey Thompson, 72nd Medical Group. "Anyone on this base who is not up to snuff on this PHA will be brought in on those two days. If you're up to snuff on the 27th of October, we can turn around and I can tell General Johnson that 'your base is good to go, sir.'"

"It is an annual physical examination process. The PHA is designed for a good medical look that's appropriate for the age of the patient in terms of prevention."

Thompson said he pays more attention to someone middle

aged compared to someone who is 19 or 20 years old because the younger ones just came out of recruitment training and have received multiple physicals.

"A 20-year-old who is single has different health needs than a 45-year-old married person with three children," Thompson said. "We tailor the health needs to the individual. It helps us endure a fit and fighting force."

"We're not too concerned about colon cancer in a 19-year-old, but we may be worried about his or her cholesterol when they're 20 so we can catch it

before they develop problems when they're 40 or 50."

Each individual's medical record also goes with the individual when he or she is deployed. The most crucial item in the record is the DNA aspect, Thompson said.

"This is where the DNA is taken and placed in a secure depository somewhere," he noted. "I cannot in good conscience let anybody in my Air Force go off to war without having that DNA. It enables doctors

See Fit page 4.

Directorate sends banner of hope to Pentagon

Darren D. Heusel
Staff Writer

“God bless America.”
“We’re a team.”
“Stand tall, stand proud.”
“We got your back.”

Those are just a few of the many messages inscribed on a banner designed by members of the Propulsion Management Directorate to be sent to the Pentagon as a sign of hope and inspiration for the victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the East Coast.

“All of us are saddened about the loss of innocent victims to acts of war that occurred on our nation’s soil,” said Col. Polly Peyer, LP director. “However, as our leaders reminded us, we all know the American spirit remains alive and perhaps renewed.

“While we share in the loss, we strengthen our spirit through symbols like our great flag and banners like the one the Propulsion Directorate has created.”

According to Shirley Coleman, LP protocol, the idea for the banner came about shortly after the terrorist attacks occurred.

“It was just one of those things where we were sitting around talking and then the idea just came out,” Coleman said. “Being in protocol, I came up with a logo, got it approved by Colonel Peyer and asked [the Technology and Industrial Support Directorate] to make it.

“I did a fantastic job. It was a team effort involving all of LP. We let the shop people sign it first and everyone else sign it later.”

The colorful banner, which was hung at Hollywood and Vine in Bldg. 3001, is 15 feet wide and 4 feet tall. It has the Air Force logo on one side, the LP logo on the other side and a large United States flag in the middle.

At the bottom of the banner are the words, “We are with you in mind and spirit — united we stand.”

Coleman said it didn’t take long for the banner to



Air Force photo by Margo Wright

Faye Elmore, a reworker in the Engine Production Division, adds her thoughts of encouragement Oct. 2 to a banner filled with similar wishes for workers at the Pentagon.

fill up with signatures. “Soon after I hung it I left to go make another sign encouraging people to sign it,” Coleman said. “I returned about 15 minutes later and there were signatures all over the banner.

“I couldn’t believe how many people had signed it in that short amount of time. It was unreal.”

Coleman said she contacted the Public Affairs Office at the Pentagon about the banner and they gave her permission to send it once it’s finished.

“They said they would hang it [at the Pentagon] once it gets there,” she said.

The banner signing coincided with a visit from Lt. Gen. Donald G. Cook, acting commander Headquarters Air Combat Command, who also penned his signature with Tinker Installation Commander Maj. Gen. Charles L. Johnson II looking on.

“All around the globe people are expressing their support and we, too, wanted to provide that reminder that no one is alone in this ‘new war,’” Peyer said.

24 selected for promotion

The following individuals have been selected for promotion to the rank of major:

Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center

Frank D. Alberga
Mark A. Bennett
Eugene K. Carter
Fiona A. Christianson
Dawn D. Hankins
Sean E. Patterson
Sandy J. Richardson
Jeffrey G. Wilterdink

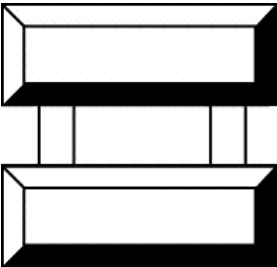
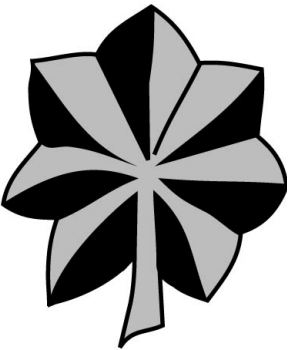
72nd Air Base Wing

Michael E. Saylor
Gerald P. Szybist
Brien D. Weston

552nd Air Control Wing

Michael S. Blades
Andrew H. Bruce
Edward J. Chevalier
Michael S. Christie
Jeffrey C. Cloyd
James E. Devaney Jr.
Nerisse E. Fernandez
David B. Gaskill
John L. Haley
Michael J. Homola
David A. Kirkendall
Kenneth M. Kniskern

Tobin C. Griffin, OC-ALC, was selected for promotion to the rank of captain.



Cruisin' the neighborhood



Air Force photo by Margo Wright

Bonus burgers

Approximately 1,400 Aircraft Production Division, Tanker Branch, employees listen to leadership praise their production efforts at the beginning of a celebration picnic at Joe B. Barnes Regional Park, Midwest City. Volunteers including Mark Enarson, aircraft overhaul supervisor in Post Dock, left, and Lt. Col. Joseph Shurila, military chief of the Tanker Branch, cooked approximately 1,600 hamburgers during the Oct. 5 “thank you” from management to the workers who produced a record number of aircraft during the fiscal year.

Action Line

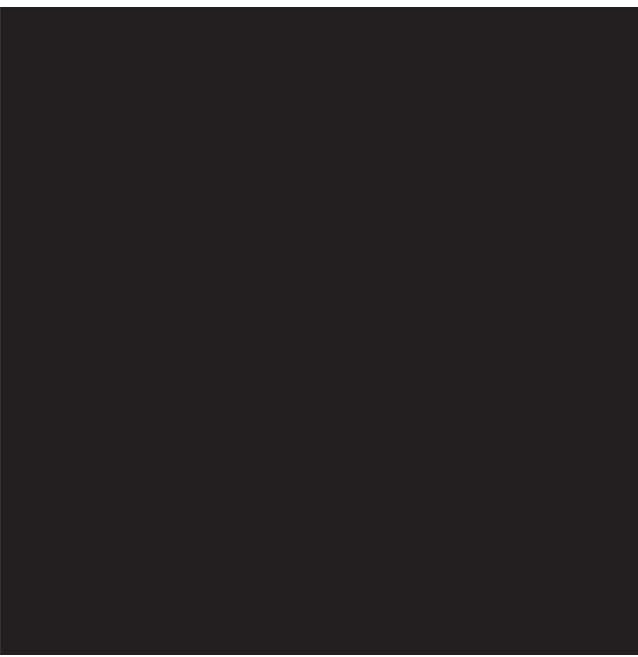
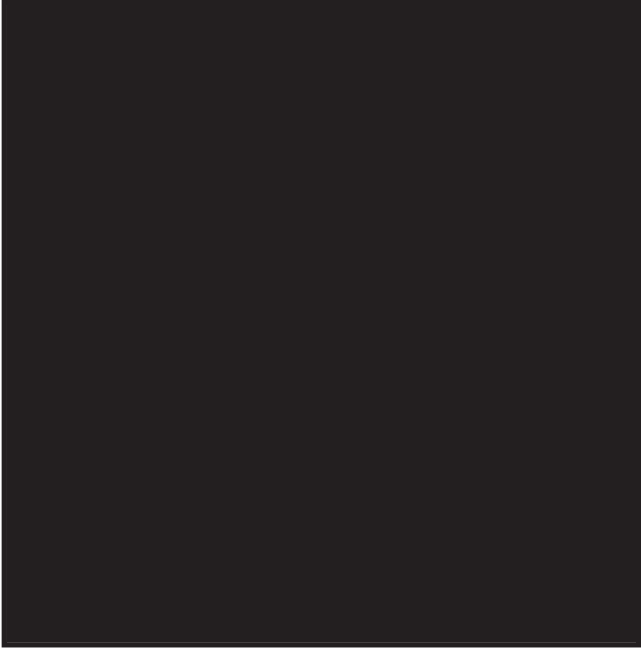
The Action Line program is a vital link among every civilian and military member on base. You may submit questions and comments to Action Line by calling 736-3333 or on e-mail addressed to CCAL@tinker.af.mil, and TDD users, ext. 63333.

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The following are approved for the Leave Transfer Program. To donate, call the point of contact.

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Going My Way

*To place or delete a Going My Way ad, call Amy Schiess at 739-5780.
These ads will run on a space available basis.*

Rides wanted

- From Midwest Boulevard and Curtis to Bldg. 2121 or 2122 on the 6:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. shift. Call Mike at 736-9557.
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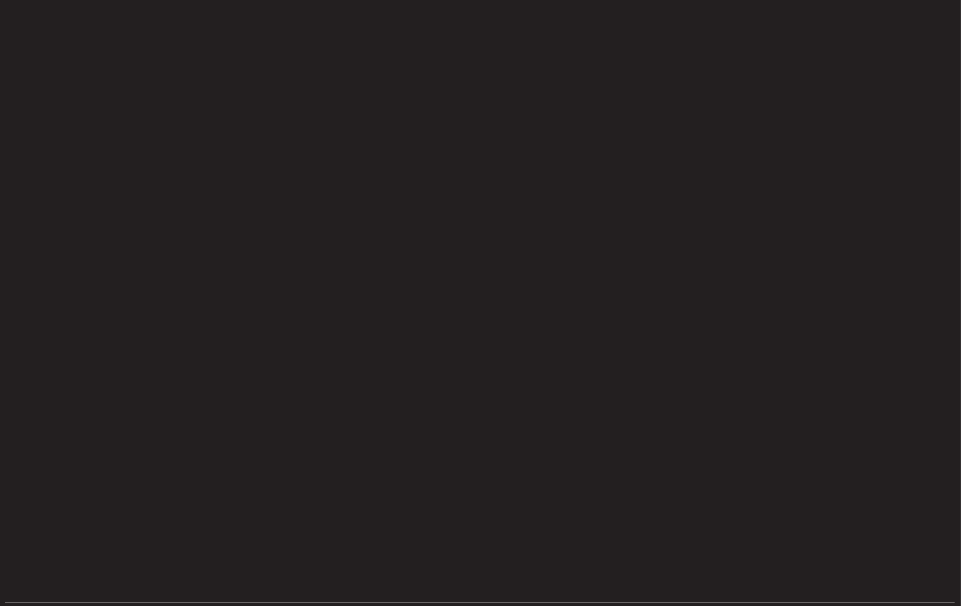
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- From 89th and Western, Brookwood Village, to Bldg. 230 on the 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. shift. Call Wessley at 692-3018.

The deadline for story submissions to the *Tinker Take Off* is Friday at 4:30 p.m., the week before publication. Articles and photos may be e-mailed to amy.schiess@tinker.af.mil or brought to the *Tinker Take Off* office on disk.

Classified ads cannot be accepted via e-mail.



What are Humanitarian Daily Rations?

American Forces Press Service

In addition to attacking the Taliban regime and terrorist facilities in Afghanistan, U.S. air operations include the delivery of some 37,000 Humanitarian Daily Rations to Afghan refugees.

The daily ration was specifically designed by the Defense Department for use in emergencies to feed and sustain moderately malnourished people until more traditional feeding methods are restored.

The meals are nutritious, culturally sensitive and cost-effective and have been praised by the United Nations and the international relief community. Since their first use in 1993, they have emerged as a significant and lasting contributor to the fight against hunger.

The rations are pre-packaged, ready-to-eat foods that provide an entire day’s nutritional requirements. Each ration packet contains two main vegetarian

meals based heavily on lentils, beans and rice, and also complementary items like bread, a fruit bar, a fortified biscuit, peanut butter and spices. Beans with tomatoes,



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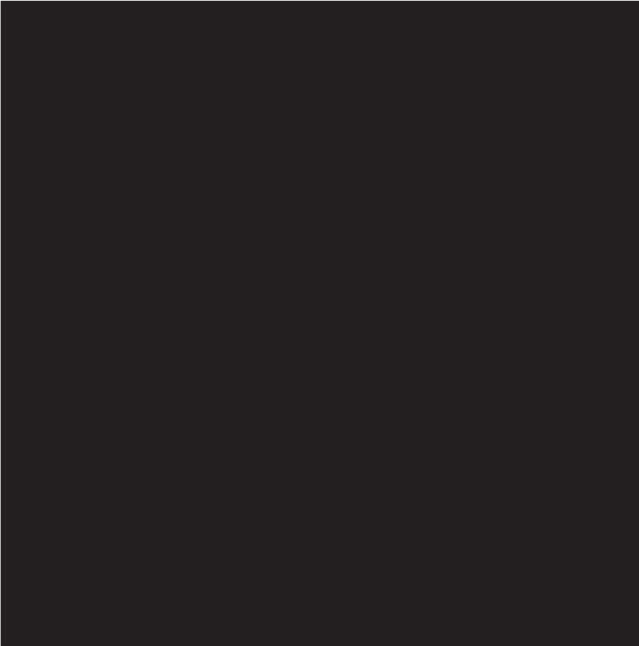
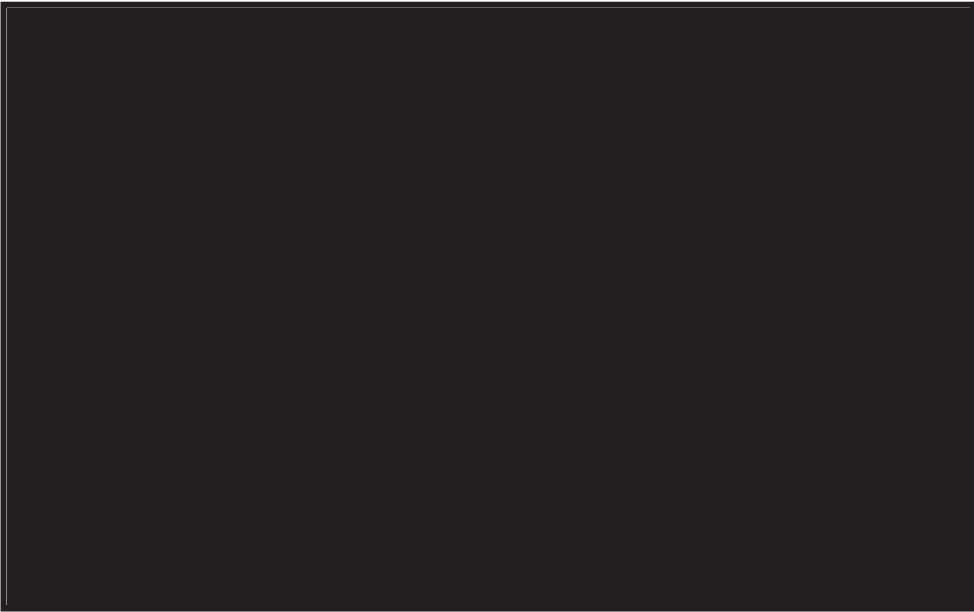
A typical Humanitarian Daily Ration packet is a yellow, plastic pack designed to “float” to the ground once dropped by transport aircraft.

beans and rice, and bean salad are entrees among the five available menus.

Humanitarian rations come in bright yellow packaging for easy identification on the ground when air-dropped. They “float” down to populations with no parachutes. The packets are marked with the words, “A Food Gift From the People of the United States of America,” and include illustrations depicting how to eat the foods.

Providing about 2,200 calories, each ration packet costs about \$4 and has a shelf life of 18 to 24 months.

Hundreds of thousands of the rations were first air-dropped over isolated Bosnian enclaves Nov. 22, 1993, as part of the humanitarian relief effort Operation Provide Promise. Since then, more than 8 million of the rations have been distributed to refugees worldwide, including in Iraq, Cuba, Bosnia, Rwanda and Haiti.



2002 Scholarships for Military Children Program announced

Bonnie Powell
Defense Commissary Agency

It's time for military families with high school seniors and college students to shop for funds to pay the cost of higher education. That means it's time to shop at the commissary.

Applications for the second annual Defense Commissary Agency/Fisher House Foundation Scholarships for Military Children Program will be available beginning Nov. 1 at the Tinker commissary and for download at www.commissaries.com.

"The response from military families to the 2001 program was fantastic," said Defense Commissary Agency Director Maj. Gen. Robert J. Courter Jr.

"Over 5,000 students applied for the scholarships and through the generosity of our industry partners, nearly 400 scholarships were awarded. We expect double the applications and even more scholarships in 2002."

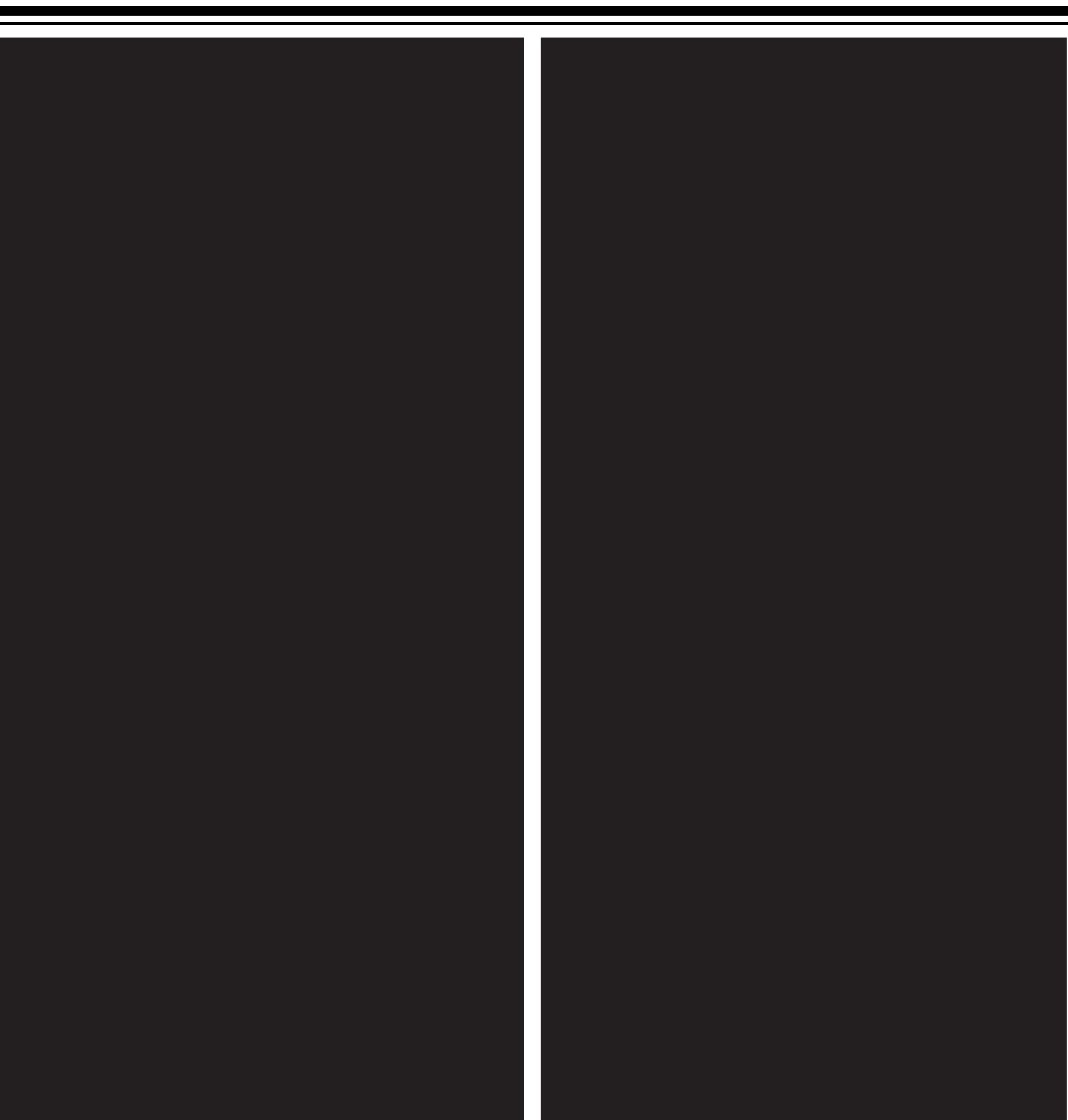
Qualified sons and daughters of U.S. military ID cardholders including active duty, retirees and Guardsmen/reservists may apply for the \$1,500 scholarships. Eligibility of applicants, including survivors of deceased members, will be determined using the DOD ID card directive. The deadline for filing applications is Feb. 5.

Two major changes are in store for the 2002 program. Students will not have to show ID at the commissary when turning in their applications and applicants who don't live near a commissary will be able to

mail their applications to their closest commissary. Student eligibility will be verified through the Defense Enrollment and Eligibility Reporting System before scholarships are awarded. Sponsors should ensure their children are enrolled in DEERS before applying for a scholarship.

The Fisher House Foundation is administering the Scholarships for Military Children Program through a professional scholarship evaluation company. Fisher House is known for building and donating fully furnished comfort homes near military medical facilities.

A permanent information page for the Scholarships for Military Children Program has been added to www.commissaries.com. Look for the link under "What's New."



Tinker Then and Now

Thunderstreak departure marked 15-year fighter jet maintenance hiatus for Tinker

Dan Schill
Tinker History Office

The F-84, the first post-World War II fighter, made its maiden flight Feb. 26, 1946, and entered active service in the latter half of 1947. The aircraft received numerous modifications throughout its history and pioneered jet fighter operations.

The straight-wing F-84E Thunderjet

General characteristics

- Span:** 34 feet
- Length:** 43 feet
- Height:** 15 feet
- Gross weight:** 27,000 pounds
- Engine:** One Wright J65, 7,220 pounds thrust
- Maximum speed:** 685 mph
- Cruising speed:** 535 mph
- Range:** 1,900 miles
- Service ceiling:** 44,450 feet
- Armament:** Six .50-cal machine guns; 24 five-inch rockets; 6,000 pounds of bombs
- Cost:** \$769,000
- Crew:** One

deployed to Korea as a bomber escort, but the Russian-built MiG-15 outperformed them. The F-84, however, performed well in a bomber-fighter role and made numerous low-level interdiction missions.

The F-84G model, also a straight-winged fighter, became the first fighter with aerial refueling capabilities and made the first transoceanic flight using in-flight refueling. The F-84 achieved notoriety as the first Air Force jet fighter to carry a tactical atomic weapon. Republic Aviation built 4,457 Thunderjets with nearly half going to U.S. allies.

In a significant departure from the original F-84s, the F-84F Thunderstreak featured a swept wing design and had a more powerful engine that enhanced its performance. The F-84F prototype first flew June 3, 1950, and entered active service in 1954. The aircraft served as a ground support fighter-bomber and saw some service during the 1960s Berlin Crisis.

Republic produced 2,112 “F” models including 718 RF-84Fs Thunderflash, a photo-reconnaissance aircraft. The Air



Photo courtesy of Tinker History Office

F-84 Thunderjet

Force phased out the F-84B/C in 1952 while the Air National Guard kept the F-84Ds until 1957 and the F-84Es until 1959. The ANG retained a fleet of RF-84F aircraft until 1972.

The Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area performed depot maintenance and repair actions on approximately 50 F-84s from January 1951 to December 1953. In 1951, the depot reconditioned 17 F-84Bs that were assigned to the Air National Guard at Hensley Field in Dallas. OCAMA employees repaired three F-84s damaged due to crash land-

ings in 1952 along with 15 additional Thunderjets.

Tinker repaired more than 12,000 J35 engines in a 10-year span from 1947 to 1956 and had management responsibility from May 1955 to June 1974. OCAMA did not repair the J65 engine used in the “F” models, but it had management responsibility for two years in the early 1950s.

After the last F-84 departed Tinker in the mid-1950s, the base did not perform any fighter maintenance for the next 15 years.

Military enrollment begins for Thrift Savings Plan

72nd Mission Support Squadron

Beginning Oct. 9, members of the uniformed services were able to enroll in the Thrift Savings Plan.

Members of the uniformed services will participate under most of the same rules and receive the same benefits as civilian TSP participants. However, the contribution rules are different for uniformed services members.

The purpose of the TSP is to provide retirement income. It offers participants the same type of savings and tax benefits that many private corporations offer

their employees under 401(k) plans.

The TSP allows participants to save a portion of their pay in a special retirement account. The money participants invest in the TSP comes from pre-tax dollars and reduces their current taxable income; investments and earnings are not taxed until they are withdrawn.

Air Force members will be allowed to enroll through Jan. 31, 2002.

How to make a contribution election

Air Force active duty, Reserve and Air National Guard members may enroll in TSP by completing a Form

TSP-U-1 election form available from three sources.

E/MSS Web site: The best way to sign up is through the Defense Finance and Accounting Service's Employee/Member Self Service Web site — www.dfas.mil/emss. After completing your secure entry procedure, this site will provide the enrollment form and automatically submit it for you.

TSP Web site: The official enrollment form, including instructions for filling it out, may be downloaded and printed from a computer. Completed forms should be delivered to the Financial Servicing Office for input into

the pay system. The forms are available at www.tsp.gov/uniserv/forms. A copy of the TSPBK-U-08 booklet, Summary of the Thrift Savings Plan for Uniformed Services, containing an extensive explanation of the TSP program can also be downloaded.

On base: Enrollment forms and other TSP materials will be arriving for you to pick up at three installation locations — the FSO, the Military Personnel Flight and the Family Support Center. Members complete and deliver them to the FSO.



Take Note

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be held at 11:30 a.m. Oct. 18 in the officers’ club.
Retired Gen. Dennis Reimer, the director of the National Memorial Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism, will be the guest speaker. Tickets are \$8 from any ticket monitor.

Rose State College

Rose State College is currently enrolling students for base and campus courses for Fall 2001, Term II. Classes begin Oct. 22 and end Dec. 15. Returning students may enroll in person at the Tinker Office, on campus, online or by calling 733-7475. New students need to call the Tinker Office at 739-5774 to set up an appointment for admission.
It is helpful if students with previous college experience bring a copy of their college transcripts with them to the admissions appointment. Students under 21 years of age should considering bringing a copy of their high school transcript with ACT/SAT scores, if possible. For additional information, visit the Rose State College Office in Bldg. 201SE or call 739-5774.

Honor Guard

The Tinker Air Force Base Honor Guard needs your help. Honor Guard membership has dwindled and the number of those carrying the load is extremely small.
Out of 78 members on the team, only 27 are regularly available for Honor Guard duties, including Navy and Reserves. All Navy members are currently unavailable.
Service with the Honor Guard is an exceptional example of applying “service before self” by both the

individual and members of his or her work center who help carry the workload while volunteers are performing Honor Guard duties.
Our Honor Guard has long been an all-volunteer force and with your help we can ensure it remains that way. All interested candidates should contact the Honor Guard office at 734-4226.

Hispanic Heritage Month

The Hispanic Heritage Month luncheon will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 16 at the Tinker Officers’ Club. Gil Coronado will be the guest speaker. It will feature mariachi music and Mexican cuisine. Price is \$8.50.
For tickets, call Ramiro Arriaga at 734-8754, Miguel Campos at 736-7172, Mike Pantoja at 734-3335, Ben Rocha at 739-2832, Kika Eastman at 739-3566, Emilio Riojas at 734-8343, Yolanda Garcia at 736-7413, Robert Cabrera at 734-6932 or Mary Rocha at 734-4393.

Chapter 39 meeting

Mid-Del Chapter 39, Disabled American Veterans, executive committee will meet at 1:30 p.m. Oct. 16 at 3210A Belaire in Midwest City. The general membership meeting will be held at 2:30 p.m. Members are encouraged to attend both meetings.
Enlisted Dining Out
“Flag and Family,” a red, white and blue dining out for Tinker’s enlisted community and family members, will feature a variety of patriotic and family-oriented presentations Oct. 19 at the enlisted club.
Retired Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force

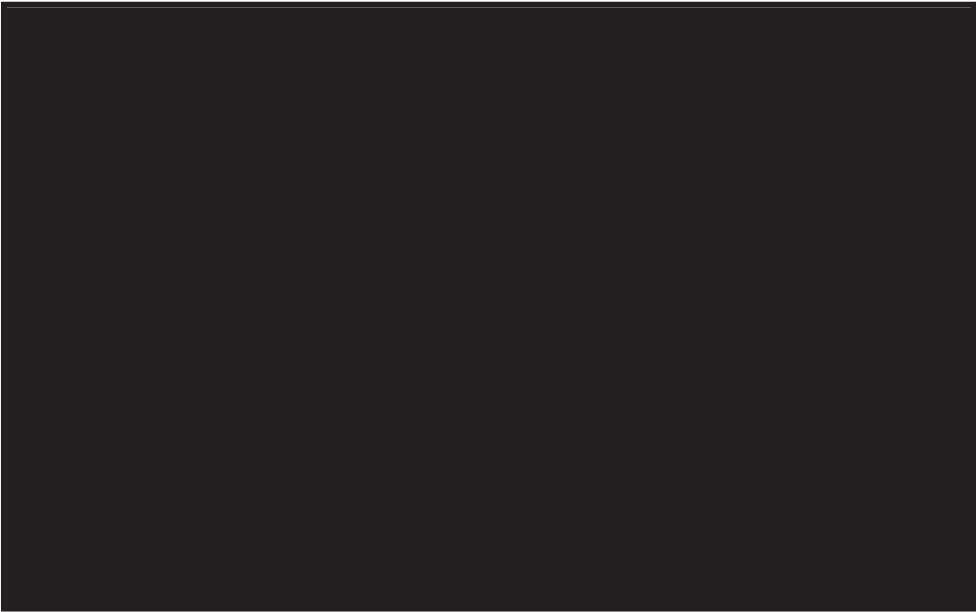
Thomas N. Barnes will deliver the keynote address. A local expert will give the history of the American flag. A special Air Force family video will be shown and performers will present a Native American prosperity dance.
First sergeants have ticket information. Pro rata costs of tickets are \$12 for E-1 through E-4, \$14 for E-5 through E-6 and \$16 for E-7 and above.

Information request

Air Force Office of Special Investigations Detachment 114 needs anyone who might have information related to the recent terrorist attacks to call 734-7623.
Examples of information needing to be reported include unusual conversations with U.S. or foreign nationals; any suspicious activity of U.S. or foreign nationals; any information that suggests the originator of the information had prior knowledge of the attacks or suggested future attacks were coming.

Used cell phones needed

The 349th Recruiting Squadron is asking that individuals who have old or unwanted cellular phones donate them to senior citizens in need.
Area senior citizens would be able to use the donated phones to dial 911 in an emergency. All cell phones have the capability to dial 911 even if no service plan exists. Therefore, the call would be free of charge.
Anyone wishing to donate a phone can drop it off at the 349th RCS headquarters in Bldg. 1, across Arnold Street from the Education Center.
Call Master Sgt. Gregory Wade at 734-3549 if there are any questions.



Take Note

Navy Birthday Ball cancelled

The Oklahoma City Navy League, along with the United States Navy at Tinker Air Force Base and the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce regrettably announce that the Oklahoma City Navy Birthday Ball has been cancelled due to security issues.

The annual Navy Birthday Ball was scheduled to take place at the Cowboy Hall of Fame at 6 p.m. today.

Anyone who has purchased a ticket will be receiving a full refund as soon as possible. For additional information, contact Norm Tindall at 739-1443.

GI Bill deadline approaches

Oct. 31 is the deadline for certain remaining Veterans Education Assistance Program participants to convert to the newer, more generous Montgomery GI Bill. This affects those who had previously indicated consent to buy into the VEAP-era educational package but were left out of an initial conversion opportunity five years ago because they had zero balances in their VEAP accounts Oct. 9, 1996. Those who had money in their accounts on that date were given one year to transfer to the MGIB.

This Defense Authorization Act of 2001 provision allows those who were VEAP participants, whether they have contributions in their accounts or not, to become eligible for MGIB if they make an irrevocable election to receive MGIB, were a VEAP participant on or before Oct. 9, 1996, continuously served on active duty from Oct. 9, 1996 through April 1, 2000, and make a nonrefundable payment of \$2,700. For more information, visit <http://www.gibill.va.gov/> or contact the Base Education Office at 739-7408.

Federal Black Program Council

The Oklahoma Federal Executive Board Black

Program Council is now accepting membership applications for fiscal 2002. Membership is open to military and civilians regardless of rank. For additional information, call Eddie Allen at 734-3438 or e-mail eddie.allen@tinker.af.mil.

Scheduled outages, closures

The following outages and closures have been scheduled for Tinker Air Force Base. If the utility or service has not resumed by the scheduled end time, contact the Customer Service Desk at 734-3117.

Electrical outage:

— Bldg. 5942 from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Oct. 16

Chilled water/steam shutdown:

— Bldg. 5801 will experience intermittent outages until 5 p.m. Nov. 9

Road closures:

— Alley between Bldg. 210 and the new construction until June 2003

Parking space closures:

— C Avenue on the west side of Bldg. 208 will be closed until June 2003

— North of and across the street from Bldg. 3001, from 6 p.m. today until 5 a.m. Oct. 14, 6 p.m. Oct. 19 until 5 a.m. Oct. 22, 6 p.m. Oct. 26 until 5 a.m. Oct. 29 and 6 p.m. Nov. 2 until 5 a.m. Nov. 5

BRIGHTSTAR Web site

There are about 30 Air Force bases that have personnel participating in BRIGHTSTAR 01/02 in Egypt. A public Web site has been set up for families to view exercise pictures, awards and the weekly newsletter for Cairo West Air Base. The address is www.brightstar-families.org.

The 75th Aerospace Expeditionary Group out of Hill Air Force Base, Utah, is the lead wing deployed to provide base support during the exercise. They have set up this Web site for their families, and families of other personnel who are deployed, to keep up on what's going on at Cairo West.

Red Cross Training

Tinker Red Cross will be offering volunteer training for individuals interested in responding to disasters. The course, Mass Care, will be held from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Oct. 15 at the Tinker Enlisted Club Washington Room. Course participants will learn skills needed by workers to feed and shelter large numbers of people who have been affected by disaster.

To register for the class, call Tinker Red Cross at 734-3030. All American Red Cross disaster training classes are free of charge.

Tinker Management Association

The Tinker Management Association luncheon will be held at 11:30 a.m. Oct. 18 in the officers' club.

Retired Gen. Dennis Reimer, the director of the National Memorial Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism in Oklahoma City, will be the guest speaker. Tickets are \$8 from any ticket monitor.

Air National Guard openings

The 157th Air Operations Group, Missouri Air National Guard, is hiring sharp aviators for key part-time positions for their unique mission. They need previously experienced aviators in the following platforms: U2, F-117, RC-135, ABCCC, HH-60, F-16 CJ/CG, F-15E, EA6B, B1B, B-2 and B-52; interviewing intelligence/weather officers; and Enlisted

See Take Note page 18.

KC-135 flies 43 days ahead of schedule

1st Lt. Chrissy Frey
Office of Public Affairs

Sending tail number 63-7985 into the sky 43 days ahead of schedule proved that members of the Tanker Branch, Aircraft Production Division, could produce quicker, leaner and smarter in light of their competition.

This KC-135 took off after 190 days of production; the normal number of days is 233. It was one of the aircraft sales set for 2002 that was brought into 2001 to meet a Secretary of the Air Force requirement for 122 total depot possessed aircraft.

Tinker's part of that tasking was to accomplish 41 aircraft sales. With 63-7985 as the "hot 41," personnel met the challenge and their goal weeks in advance.

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— Lt. Col. Joe Shurila
Military Chief, Tanker Branch

Shurila, military chief, Tanker Branch, who tips his hat to his branch co-workers on the shop floor.

To get the job done, branch personnel work around the clock. They feel a sense of pride when they see one of their planes "return home." "The crew takes pride in their workmanship and they want to see the finished product," said George Crauthers, aircraft mechanic supervisor.

According to scheduling, the post dock phase was a major aspect in the success of this record-breaking 190 flow-day

repair of tail 63-7985. They cut their allotted 58 flow days to run tests on the aircraft down to 24. It is a rare case for an aircraft to run as smoothly through the process as this one did, according to branch personnel.

"As long as everyone works together, things work out well," said Kathy Gaston, forward logistics specialist, whose job is to get the parts to the mechanics to fit the schedule they are on. An aircraft logistics specialist and an FLS are assigned to each KC-135 to get the flow process in place on the shop floor by matching the resources such as people and material with the need and time.

"We weren't aware it would be an early bird, but the faster it came together the more excited we got," said Ron Frieburg, aircraft mechanic. Another mechanic, Earl Parker, said the work on 63-7985 was proof that they live up to the value of "excellence in all we do" and he is proud to be on the team.

Mechanics also know that the lives of flight test aircrew are in their hands so they strive to produce a quality product. The confidence in maintenance has been renewed with the production of this aircraft. Tinker's 10th Flight Test Squadron said it was the cleanest aircraft they have been given, the benchmark for the coming years.

Team Tinker meets needs of Air Force

1st Lt. Chrissy Frey
Office of Public Affairs

By showing the Air Force and the KC-135 community they can significantly lower the number of depot possessed aircraft, the C/KC-135 System Program Office has reason to celebrate and give thanks to their team members at Tinker and beyond.

In August 2000, LC was tasked by the Chief of Staff of the Air Force to reduce aircraft depot possessions. In December 2000, the program office leadership received approval from the chief for their plan of action.

"We beat the chief's goal by two aircraft," exclaimed Tinker Installation Commander Maj. Gen. Charles L. Johnson II. "We are down to 120 aircraft in 'depot status' ... that is 50 fewer aircraft than this time last year when we first briefed the chief."

According to program officials, the original goal for the end of fiscal 2001 was 122 aircraft in 'depot status,' plus six others added by congressional request at the PEMCO contractor facility in Alabama. Those six aircraft are in addition to the 120 in depot status at the end of

The branch management has taken the lead on the KC-135 Recovery Plan, which created a "roadmap" to overcoming many of the branch's production issues. A few examples include the creation of a parts storage facility to eliminate the pile-up of parts scattered around Tinker.

Another example is concurrent repair. Sometimes, corrosion occurs on each side of the KC-135 just past the nose. In the past, mechanics would repair one side at a time in order to keep the plane level. Now, they have a device that holds the aircraft level and in place so that workers can repair both sides at one time, cutting the repair time in half.

Employees at post dock said they have never witnessed nine aircraft sales in one month as they did in September. To them, it has been years since they've seen the ramp with the space it has now. Aircraft are moving out faster and returning to the field at an increased pace.

Michael Wenzel, chief, Tanker Branch, is proud of the workers out on the shop floor and believes this production of 41 aircraft proves that his branch can do what may be called the impossible — a lot more work in a shorter time. "Due to the 50-percent rule from Congress, we can have up to 48 aircraft for organic repair and I want to get there," he said.

Master schedulers, who are responsible for overseeing fiscal-year goals, also believe they can bring their percentage up. "By '03, we will be the best," said Terry Coon, master scheduler.

Teamwork and motivation drives the Tanker Branch beyond all expectations and the early production and take-off of tail 63-7985 gives them inspiration for a productive future.

In the words of Shurila, "Ya Done Good," and the next challenge is 42 in 2002.



Air Force photo by Dave Faytinger

KC-135 workers marked their milestone with a huge banner proclaiming their success in completing maintenance on the aircraft in the background.

"This milestone would not have been achieved without a total team effort."

— Col. David Kelly
KC-135 System Program Director

the fiscal year, so the original goal of 122 was effectively surpassed by two aircraft.

Every -135 is brought to depot on a five-year cycle for refurbishment and repair. The warfighters can accept having up to 100 aircraft down for programmed depot maintenance and modification.

Reducing possessions to this level is now likely after reaching the fiscal 2001 milestone, especially with the Air Force and contractor team well-focused on achieving program objectives.

"This milestone would not have been achieved without a total team effort," said Col David Kelly, system program director for LC. "Superb planning and execution by government and contractor personnel in our program

office, PDM depots and numerous aircraft modifications sites was absolutely key to meeting our commitment to the chief."

"Everyone at Tinker leaned forward to keep the plan on track," said Tom Ramsey, KC-135 Systems Engineering Division chief. One notable KC-135 achievement during fiscal 2001 was Tinker's production of a tanker 43 days early.

There were two main goals. One was to manage aircraft inputs to prevent queuing and limit depot possessions, and the other was to increase outputs. Each PDM site (OC-ALC/LAPA at Tinker, Boeing in San Antonio and PEMCO in Alabama) took aggressive

See Needs page 26.



Jimmy Burkett, an Aircraft Production Division rigger working in Dock 10, Bldg. 3001, prepares a horizontal hinge shaft for installation on a -135 aircraft undergoing depot maintenance.



Air Force photos by Margo Wright

A -135 in post dock will receive thorough functional checks of all systems before a flight test crew climbs aboard. Aircraft mechanics Tina Betz and James Blackard give the cockpit a once-over.

Providers seeing Tricare For Life patients

72nd Medical Group

As Tricare for Life begins, about 1.5 million uniformed services retirees, their family members and survivors, age 65 and older, will receive expanded medical coverage through the Department of Defense health care program. Tricare For Life will be the second payer to Medicare for services and supplies that are benefits under both programs, and the provider does not have to file a Tricare claim.

Combined with the Tricare Senior Pharmacy Program that was implemented last April, Tricare For Life will cover most medical costs not covered by Medicare. There are some health care services that are benefits under either Medicare or Tricare, but not both.

For example, Medicare covers some chiropractic services, whereas Tricare does not. Conversely, Tricare covers retail pharmacy prescriptions and Medicare does not. In these circumstances, the beneficiary will remain responsible for the applicable Medicare or Tricare cost share and deductible. For those Tricare For Life users who have other health insurance such as an employer-sponsored health plan, Tricare will pay after the other health insurance and Medicare.

“The DOD worked with Medicare to integrate our payment systems, so that the Tricare payment is done so seamlessly that the individual is hardly aware of it,” said J. Jarrett Clinton, M.D., the DOD’s acting assistant secretary of defense for Health Affairs. Most Medicare-eligible beneficiaries of the uniformed services will no longer need an individual Medigap policy, he added.

No Tricare For Life beneficiary card is necessary for them to receive care, and no enrollment is required. However, to be eligible for the expanded Tricare coverage, uniformed services retirees, eligible family

Upcoming briefings

- 9:30 a.m. Oct. 15, 72nd Medical Group Auditorium, Bldg. 5801
- 10 a.m. Nov. 8, Moore Public Library, 225 South Howard, Classroom A

members and survivors, age 65 and over, need to be registered in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System. They also must have Medicare Part A, and be enrolled in Part B.

Anyone with questions about Tricare For Life should call Tricare’s toll-free number, 1-888-DOD-LIFE (1-888-363-5433).

Details about the Tricare For Life program recently were mailed regionally by Tricare managed care support contractors to eligible beneficiaries, using addresses from DEERS.

Many beneficiaries age 65 and over already are taking advantage of the Tricare Senior Pharmacy Program, which started April 1. Eligible uniformed services retirees, their family members and survivors receive comprehensive prescription drug coverage with minimal co-payments through its National Mail Order Pharmacy Program or through Tricare network and non-network retail pharmacies. Co-payment amounts may be higher if beneficiaries choose non-network pharmacies. They may also continue using military treatment facility pharmacies, which require no co-payments.

To learn more about the Tricare Senior Pharmacy Program, call 1-877-DOD-MEDS (1-877-363-6337) toll-free.

Additional information and updates about Tricare For Life are posted on the Tricare Web site at <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/ndaa>.

Airmen Against Drunk Driving

Airman 1st Class Raymond Dunham
963rd Airborne Air Control Squadron

Airmen Against Drunk Driving is a volunteer program made up of 78 airmen, E-1 thru E-5, who do everything from driving to recruiting to managing schedules. The magic number is 820-4444!

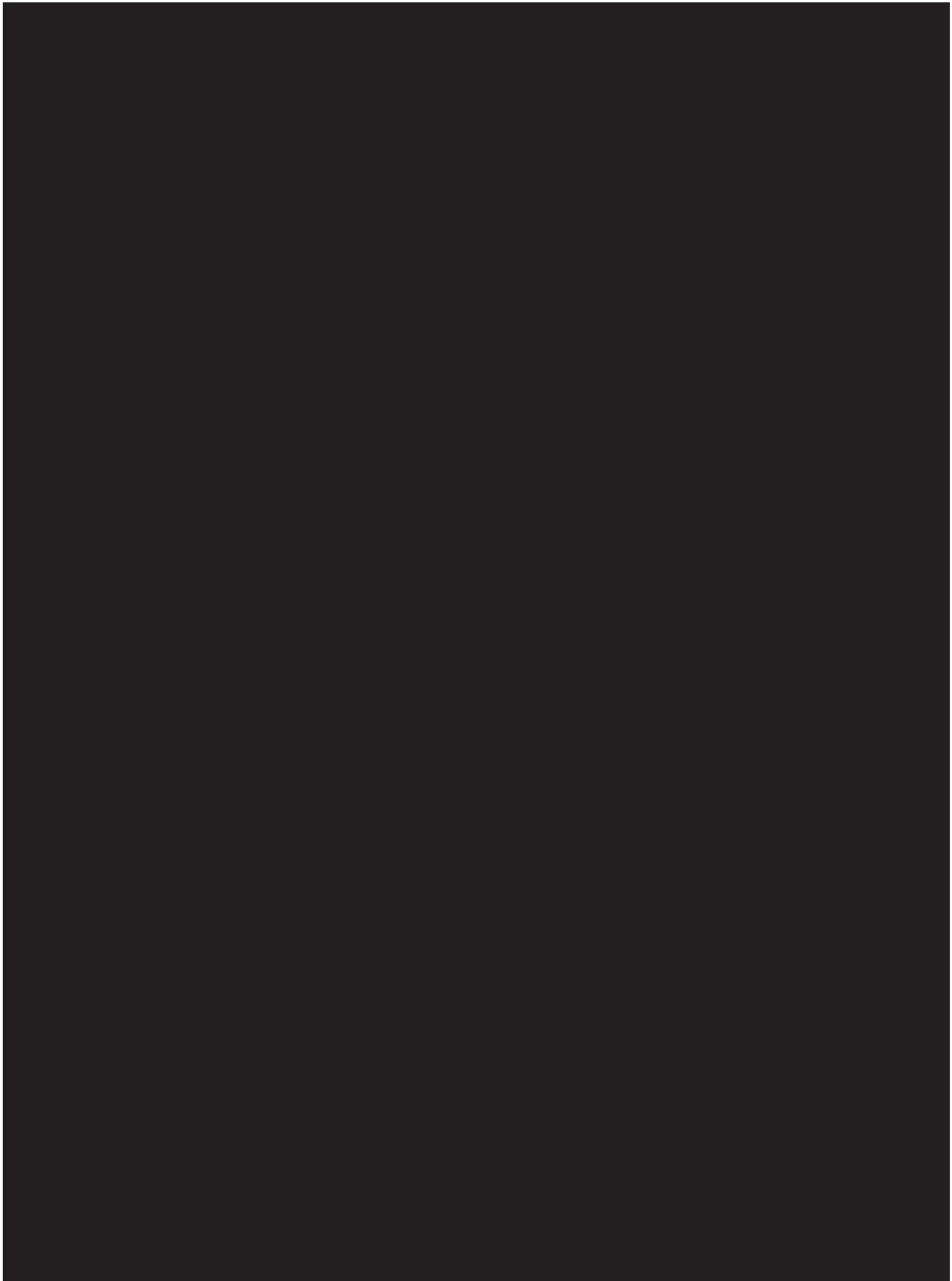
A2D2 is a fairly simple program that uses three cellular phones to ensure that if someone is intoxicated and needs a ride home, they get it without risking their lives, careers or the lives of others. One phone is a dispatcher phone, while the others are driver phones.

The dispatcher phone number is 820-4444 so when you call, the dispatcher calls one of two drivers. The dispatched driver picks up the individual and takes him or her home — no questions asked. A2D2 is a backup plan if all other plans fall through.

A little more than six weeks ago, A2D2 received a boost from the Tinker chiefs as they helped the Junior Enlisted Council distribute blue A2D2 Key Chain Tags. At that time, Strategic Communications Wing ONE, 3rd Combat Communications Group, 507th Air Refueling Wing and 513th Air Control Group were officially introduced to the A2D2 program.

Since Feb. 9, A2D2 has been helping prevent drunk driving among the Tinker Air Force Base community. They have worked until early morning hours during some weekends volunteering their time to reduce and eliminate the number of DUIs on and off base.

With 115 saves from February through September, A2D2 is a program that is proven to work if members choose to use it.



First National honored with ‘Air Force Bank Award’

Ray Dozier
Staff Writer

For the second time in three years, the U.S. Department of the Air Force has recognized First National Bank of Midwest City as the nation’s leading service bank for Air Force personnel. First National is the only bank to earn the honor twice, once in 1998 and again in 2000.

FNB vice president Tammy Jo Snyder said being honored for the second time was “awesome.”

“It’s truly an honor and privilege to be the one that actually represents Tinker,” she said. “For me personally, it’s been an honor to be part of an organization that gives so much back to the community. We see Tinker as a partner and friend.”

The U.S. Department of the Air Force presented the annual “Air Force Bank Award” to FNB bank officials Sept. 25 during a meeting held by the Association of Military Banks of America in Salt Lake City. Snyder, FNB President and CEO Robert Croak, Senior Vice President Bill Croak and Vice President John Croak attended the presentation ceremonies.

FNB was selected from numerous national banks as the top military on-base bank, providing services to military forces “above and beyond expectations,” according to a Pentagon report.

The bank was honored for its exemplary service and demonstration of its superior ability to accommodate the financial needs of military personnel at FNB’s two service centers at Tinker, managed by Snyder.

Milo Box, a customer who lives in Edmond, said he could choose a bank closer to home but FNB’s customer service is why he does not switch to another bank.

“It’s not like a hassle for them to go the extra mile for you,” Box said.

FNB personnel helped customer Steve Auld close on a home loan after he had problems with another financial institution. Auld was “dissatisfied” with mistakes and unkept promises made by the institution. So, he called Snyder who connected him with FNB’s mortgage department. Within a few days of assuming the loan package, he closed on the house.

“Considering that so many other banks were considered for this coveted award, we were deeply honored to accept it on behalf of our TAFB employees,” Robert Croak said. “It’s our second time to receive this recognition, proving that a hometown bank can maintain national prominence and accomplish top ratings with a continued policy of service and dedication to customer needs.”

Pentagon officials, in its presentation of the national award, noted the bank’s expansion of services and facilities at Tinker. FNB was also recognized for its professional attitude and financial leadership in its relationships with military families.

“It’s good to know that we can and do compete on a national scale,” said Bill Croak. “Our base banking staff provides hometown personal banking service to our military neighbors stationed away from home ... their dedication and care deserves this most complimentary recognition.”

Some of the services FNB has provided are financial management briefings at no charge, donations made to squadrons, and helping families in need dur-



Air Force photo by Margo Wright

First National Bank teller Alethea Satterwhite assists Airman 1st Class Nathan Hormell, 552nd Aircraft Generation Squadron, at the branch located in the Base Exchange area of base.

ing Thanksgiving and Christmas.

“It’s a specialized one-on-one service and the honor speaks for the Tinker community as well,” Snyder said.

Debby Birdsong, a customer, said she has received the one-on-one service for 20 years “and to my knowledge they’ve never made a mistake. They have always been very helpful.”

Cami Anderson, another customer, said FNB’s personnel are “very friendly and very easy to work with. They try to help you out as much as they can.”



Defense Logistics Agency announces A-76 study

Oklahoma City depot included

Defense Logistics Agency

The Defense Logistics Agency announced today that it would conduct public-private competitions for selected logistics functions at seven defense distribution depots.

The seven depots are located at Oklahoma City (687 employees), Anniston, Ala. (239 employees), Corpus Christi, Texas (124 employees), Norfolk, Va. (530 employees), Puget

Sound, Washington (86 employees), Red River, Texas (626 employees), and Tobyhanna, Pa. (120 employees).

The Defense Distribution Center, headquartered in New Cumberland, Pa., has oversight of 22 distribution depots worldwide.

The depots comprise two categories of facilities — some are highly automated, specifically designed to provide global support for general commodities; others are used to fill customer requirements on a regional basis or to provide global support for material that requires special handling, equipment, facilities or training.

In March 1998, DLA announced that most of its distribution depots would

undergo public-private competition.

The process follows the guidelines described in the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-76 and examines the financial impact of providing distribution services at the depots in-house, by the current government work force, or under contract by a private-sector firm.

Five other depots have already completed the process and an additional four are currently undergoing the study. The remaining depots are being competed in phases scheduled to end in the spring of 2004.

Under the A-76 process, the depots bid on any work subjected to the competition by designing a “Most Efficient

Organization” and formulating an in-house cost estimate.

For each competition, the top-ranked private-sector offeror will compete against the MEO. An award decision will be made approximately 18 to 30 months after the solicitation, with conversion to either an MEO or private contract within six months.

Defense Logistics Agency provides supply support and technical and logistics services to the military services and to several civilian agencies.

Headquartered at Fort Belvoir, Va., DLA is the one source for nearly every consumable item, whether for combat readiness, emergency preparedness or day-to-day operations.

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attacks of Sept. 11 influenced the report, most of the work had been accomplished before then.

“On Sept. 12, we asked ourselves ... , did it make any sense to complete the Quadrennial Defense Review in the form that it essentially reached as of the time of the terrorist attacks, or should we just simply put it on the shelf and start all over again?” he said.

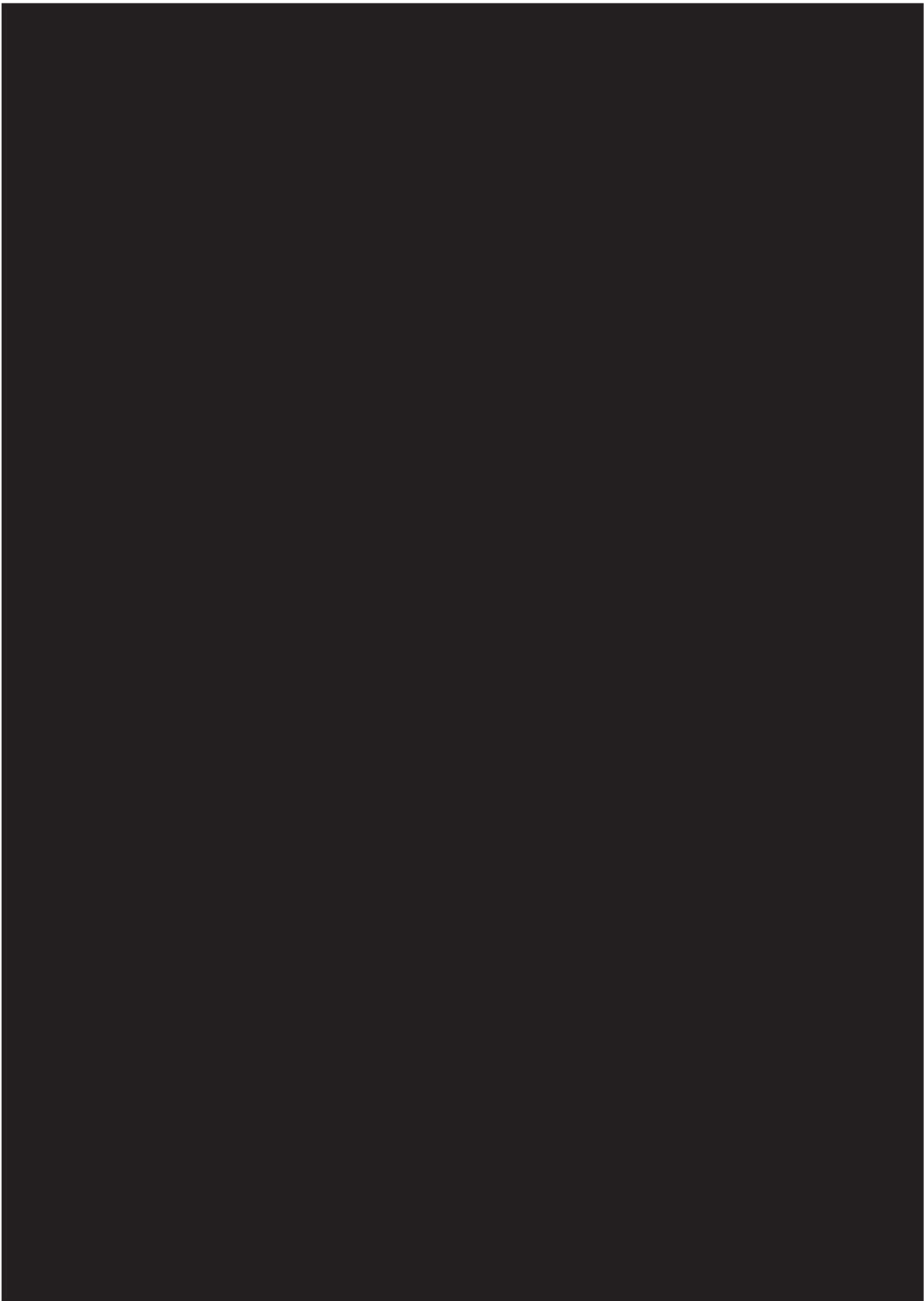
“We concluded ... that the Quadrennial Defense Review has set some very important directions, whose importance and accuracy [are] confirmed by the events of Sept. 11.”

Even before the attacks, DOD was committed to moving toward combating the asymmetrical threats terrorism represents. If anything, Wolfowitz said, the attacks confirmed “that we need to move in those directions more rapidly and with more resources.”

The most important aspect of the QDR is it draws the road map for what capabilities the military should have in 10 years. Wolfowitz said the report represents major changes in the way the department thinks about its long-term requirements. He said such changes are difficult for a large organization to make, and they will

not be done overnight.

The most important change deals with the emphasis on establishing homeland defense as the top DOD priority. “One of the conclusions we reached in the review is that we are just ... at really a very early stage of figuring out what the role of the Department of Defense might be, for example, in responding to a major act of terrorism with weapons of mass destruction,” he said. “We have got to accelerate that work and get moving with it even faster. It’s not something, obviously, to put on the shelf.”



Anthrax Facts: What it is, what it does

Office of the Secretary of Defense

Anthrax is a rapidly progressing acute infection caused by spore-forming bacteria called *Bacillus anthracis*. Anthrax most commonly occurs in warm-blooded animals, especially goats, cattle and sheep, but it can also infect humans.

Anthrax spores can be easily produced in a dry form for biological weapons. Spores can survive many years in adverse conditions and still remain capable of causing disease. When inhaled by humans, these spores cause respiratory failure, leading to death within a week.

The disease occurs when spores enter

lungs, migrate to the lymph nodes, change to the bacterial form, multiply and produce toxins.

These toxins cause bleeding and destruction of structures in the middle of the chest (medical term: hemorrhagic necrotizing mediastinitis).

Anthrax spores may be used as a weapon in a variety of delivery systems. They can be produced in large quantities without sophisticated equipment.

All it takes is a single breath of aerosolized anthrax to inhale enough spores to cause the disease. Then, if serious symptoms occur, it kills 99 percent of unprotected people. Even if a person with symptoms receives antibiotics, the death rate is still about 80 percent.

Anthrax spores are odorless, colorless and tasteless.

There are three forms of anthrax disease, varying by the route of infection. People can get anthrax through a break in the skin (cutaneous anthrax), by eating inadequately cooked contaminated meat (gastrointestinal anthrax) or by inhaling bacteria or spores.

Inhaled anthrax does not typically spread from person to person. Because anthrax spores can live in the soil for many years, animals can get anthrax by grazing or drinking water in contaminated areas.

Weaponized anthrax could be used against people in almost any location, and in many different ways. The greatest threat with the most deadly conse-

quences comes from inhaled anthrax.

Direct person-to-person spread of inhalation anthrax is “very rare,” according to the American Public Health Association’s Control of Communicable Diseases Manual. Presumably, person-to-person spread would require contact with contaminated skin lesions.

Anthrax is diagnosed by isolating the bacteria from the blood, skin or cerebral spinal fluid, or by measuring specific antibodies in the blood of suspected cases.

The best protection is vaccination before exposure, combined with the appropriate Mission-Oriented Protective Posture, including protective clothing and detection equipment.



Viruses often follow military conflicts

72nd Communications Squadron

Major political and military conflicts are increasingly accompanied by damaging cyber activity. As you have seen, wars are no longer just about conventional weapons and identified enemies. Attacks can come in any form — including cyber attacks.

Protecting the information on computers and networks will help the United States achieve victory over enemies.

More than 50,000 viruses exist today with more than 300 new ones appearing every month. Some are benign, annoying or frustrating, but many cause serious damage by doing things like destroying data, overwriting files and reformatting hard drives.

As we become more dependent on our desktop computers to fulfill mission requirements through increased Internet and e-mail usage, the danger of receiving a virus multiplies tremendously.

The three main ways viruses enter your system are through floppy disks or other removable media like Zip disks, through files or software downloaded from the Internet, or through e-mail

Visit the Tinker Information Assurance Web site at
<http://www.tinker.af.mil/infoprot/>

attachments. The chances that a computer will contract a virus at some point are very high. However, there are some preventative measures computer users can take:

1. Ensure you have properly configured virus protection software with the latest signature file installed on your machine. The 72nd Communications Squadron pushes down the Norton Anti-virus program, which is configured for maximum protection with the latest signature file for all users under the Tinker domain logon.

For those not under the Tinker domain, go to the Information Assurance Web page at <http://www-int.tinker.af.mil/infoprot/iphone.htm> and download and install the anti-virus software along with the latest signature files. It is required that you set the program to scan all files, not just .exe files, especially before downloading and opening e-mail.

Also, schedule a scan at least one

time each day, usually at lunch time.

2. Once you have determined that all the files in your system are virus free, do a complete backup of your system. Then, do a partial backup at least weekly. If you get infected in the future, you will really appreciate having clean copies of your files.

3. Be suspicious of e-mail attachments. Even if the e-mail is from a known source, do not open it unless it's a file or an image you are expecting. Delete it if you do not know the source or if it's a file or image you are not expecting.

4. Know who your unit computer security manager is. Visit <https://www-int.tinker.af.mil/infoprot/HTM/ucm-list.xls> to find out. The UCM is your first contact point for computer security problems and is the single liaison between your unit and the Base Information Assurance Office.

Your UCM e-mails you the latest signature files, can provide you guidance

on computer security issues and has up-to-date computer security information as it becomes available. They are an invaluable asset for you to use in your responsibility to protect your computer and network.

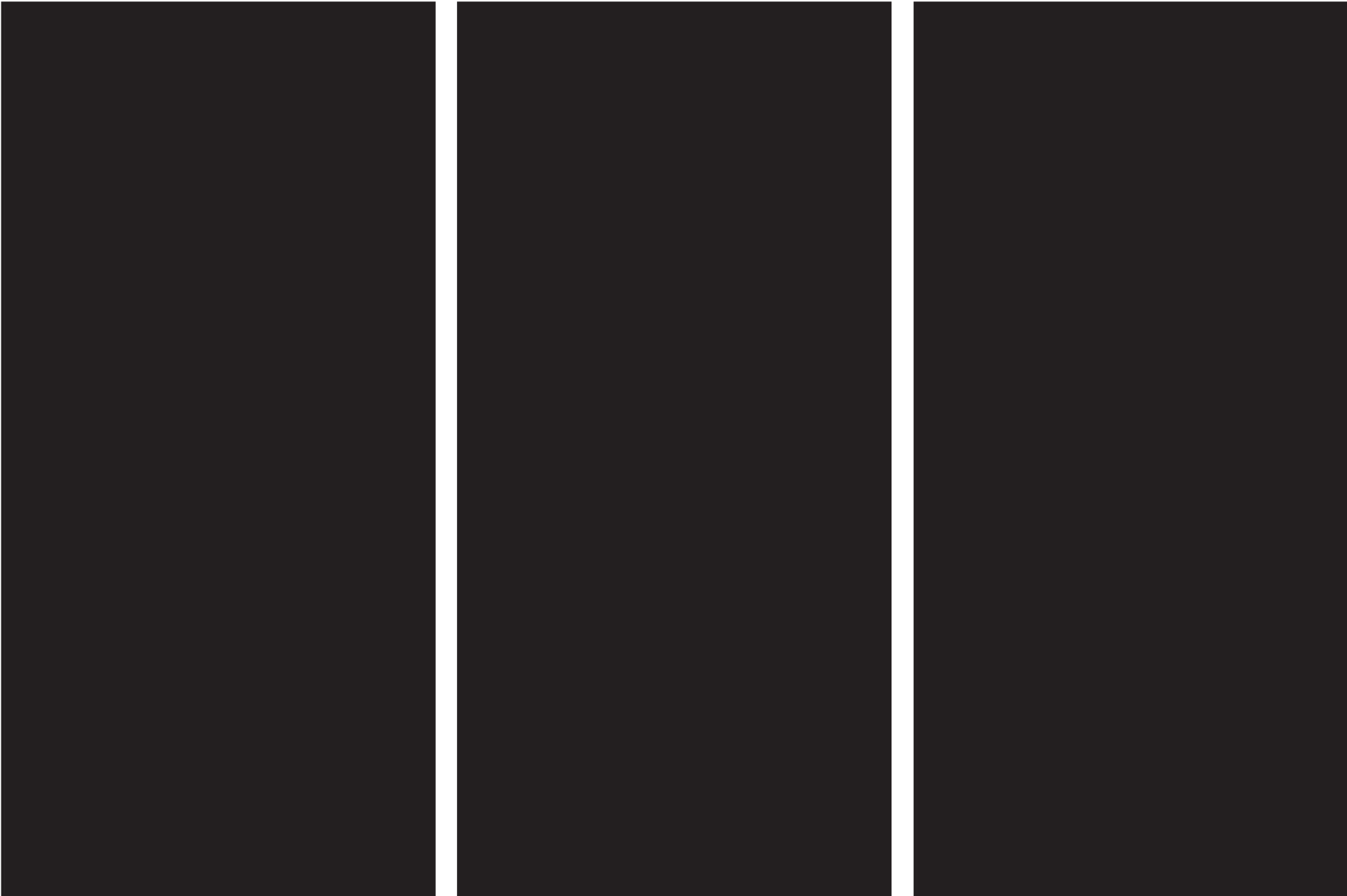
In the wake of recent events, be aware that e-mails promising new footage or photographs of the terrorist attacks may start circulating. Do not be tempted to open those, especially if you do not know the source of the e-mail or you were not expecting the e-mail. All users are reminded to be suspicious of all e-mail attachments, as well as links contained in e-mails.

Remember the Golden Rule for virus prevention: Never, ever open an e-mail attachment from an unknown source. If a suspicious e-mail arrives, contact your UCM immediately. In addition, you can contact the 72nd Communications Squadron help desk at 736-7900. Also, you can contact the Information Assurance Office at 734-2241.

It is mandatory that all military, civilians, and contractors be responsible for protecting their computers and their network by implementing virus protection measures.



Do not open e mails you were not expecting.
Guard your password!





We all can stand against hate

Gen. Lester L. Lyles
Commander, Air Force Materiel Command



The unthinkable happened Sept. 11 — a tragedy of such huge proportions that it cannot be fully understood. Air Force Materiel Command people, like the rest of our nation, asked why.

We may never know the full extent of what motivated such acts of terrorism, but we do know the United States became the victim of the ultimate hate crime that day. Even as an African-American youth who came of age during the Civil Rights Movement and the tumultuous '60s in our nation's capitol, I have no reference point for hate acted out on such a massive, deadly scale. Like most of you, I cannot really grasp hatred so deep and so vicious as we Americans now have experienced.

Since the Sept. 11 attack, we have seen an increase

in harassment, slurs and intimidation because of how people dress, how they look and the religion they might practice.

The Air Force has a policy of zero tolerance for discriminatory treatment in any form, including against individuals of Arab-American, Middle Eastern or Muslim descent. Service members who violate this policy are subject to action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, and civilian employees are subject to administrative and disciplinary actions.

Commanders have been urged at all levels to remain vigilant and take prompt, appropriate action with members of their commands who fail to meet these Air Force standards.

However, what I really want, and most hope, is that all of us will speak against discrimination, harassment, and any other manifestation of this kind of hate that is so fundamentally in opposition to American ideals.

Choose to be the kind of people for which this republic stands: "One nation, under God, with liberty and justice for all."

Don't walk around terrified

Tech Sgt. Rob Wilkins
*Air Force Technical Applications Center
Patrick Air Force Base, Fla.*

As the initial shock slowly disappears and we begin to recover from the most horrific incident in recent world history, I feel it is extremely important for teachers, writers, families, business owners and entertainers to get back to the things they did prior to Sept. 11 in order to help America get back on its feet.

Under the leadership of President Bush and our elected

officials, agencies such as the U.S. armed forces, police and the FBI will do their very best to ensure the security of our nation.

We must not allow these evil acts to cripple our lives and make us fearful to move freely in our country. American citizens can demonstrate their support and lend a huge hand to President Bush as he leads us back to normal by doing things such as going to the movies, planning weddings, shopping, displaying the American flag and getting back in the gym.

This will show without a doubt that America and Americans can't be stopped and we are recovering,

but not forgetting.

It's important to recognize what has occurred, however, we can't get stuck in the state of depression or lose our motivation to excel. This act has united America and shows the unbreakable spirit we have. America is responding in a positive fashion to this tragic event, and I have no doubt that we will prevail.

And finally, to quote Colin Powell, secretary of state, "We're Americans. We don't walk around terrified."

I've never been more honored to be in the military, and most important, to be an American!

The Patriot

We said goodbye on a sunny day, with smiles and tears as he drove away. He went to stand with our country's best to salute with pride like the rest. It was a peaceful day, we all were strong to see him go where he belongs. Our day was normal, as normal can be but a plan was unfolding just over the sea. A day has passed, our country shakes a terrorist strike, just past daybreak, has made us afraid and scared as a whole, our priorities now know where they must go. We cry and we shout, we hope and we pray, that our dearest loved ones are all OK. So, of course, into tears my Mom did burst, Dad's time to be leaving us couldn't be worse. We call everyone as our hearts give a dive, but, thankfully, everyone we know is still very alive. A sigh of relief breathes out of our chests and a gasp and terror as we take in the mess. It's hard to believe, and we're so far away, to the people who are there, we don't know what to say. One building has fallen, now another, and another. Four buildings total, our hearts give a shudder. How many people made it out?

And how many families will go without? Without moms and dads, aunts and nieces, the terrorists laugh as our hearts fall to pieces. A week now has passed, life doesn't seem right, but we will keep on waving that red, blue and white. This battle they've won has been long and devastating too, but the pride in our patriots will always shine through. Patriots like the firemen, risking their lives. And the policemen, standing guard day and night, peeling their eyes.

But the people too, who rush to help others as they give and they give wearing patriot colors. I'm proud to say, my dad's in the force, and will protect this country, with his heart and his voice.

The president is doing the best he can do, and he's got billions of people supporting him, the question is, terrorists ... ask yourself ... do you? Valiant we join in the singing of truth, that we will stand up, with our red, white and blue. You may have won this battle, give yourself a hand, but the war will be won by America the Beautiful and we'll always together, united stand.

— Emily Shaw

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News Briefs

New Raptor detachment activates

The Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Center activated a new detachment at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., Oct. 1.

Detachment 6 will be responsible for planning, executing and reporting to the Defense Department on the F-22 Raptor operational test program scheduled to begin April 2003. The organization will build on the combined developmental and operational test foundation the F-22 Combined Test Force at Edwards has established.

(Written by Leigh Anne Bierstine, Air

Force Flight Test Center Public Affairs)

Ridge sworn in as director of Homeland Security Office

Former Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Ridge recently became the nation's first director of the newly created Homeland Security Office.

Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas swore Ridge into office at a White House ceremony attended by President Bush and other cabinet members.

Bush signed an executive order creating the cabinet-level organization

in the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

Bush remarked that Ridge and his office are "charged with strengthening America's protections" and developing a national strategy against terrorism.

The Homeland Security Office will "take strong precautions aimed at preventing terrorist attacks, and prepare to respond effectively, if they might come again," the president said.

(Written by Gerry J. Gilmore, American Forces Press Service)

Wolfowitz tells Senate about Quadrennial Defense Review

Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz told senators that even as the war on terrorism continues, the U.S. military needs to transform to face the threats of the new century.

Wolfowitz discussed the results of the Quadrennial Defense Review with the Senate Armed Services Committee Oct. 4.

The Department of Defense delivered the report to Congress on Sept. 30. Wolfowitz said that while the terror

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to positively identify a soldier who has died in combat.

“That’s one thing we need to have from the patient — ‘Do you have your DNA? Did it get into the system? Is it there?’ — We check it every year.”

Blood type is necessary in case an airman needs a combat transfusion. Thompson also wants to know if the patient has been tested for Glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase.

“That’s important for exposure to nerve gas agents,” he explained. “If you have the gene that doesn’t cope with that particular protein, then the standard nerve gas prevention medicines won’t work on you.

“If I send a guy overseas into an area where he gets dusted with a nerve agent, who I can’t protect — that doesn’t help him, that doesn’t help his commander, and it doesn’t help the Air Force’s mission.”

The 72nd MDG also keeps track of each individual’s deployments so they may be able to link cer-

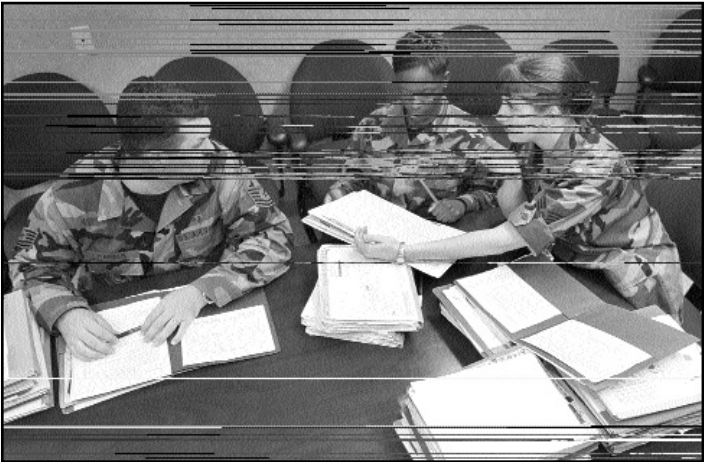
tain illnesses to deployment locations.

The record also includes the individual’s family history. A photocopy of each individual’s record is sealed and given to the troop commander on the processing line. Thompson said the troop commander’s responsibility is to take each record when deployed. “When they arrive in true theater, the troop commander historically turns them over to the medic on scene.”

Thompson said the PHA is important for two reasons. It helps prevent diseases and it ensures the person and the commanders that “they have a person who is medically qualified to go to war.”

The assessment also includes civilians who are on deployable orders, Thompson added. “We run them through a modified process to ensure they are safe to go and meet their job requirements down range.”

During the two-day mass assessment, Thompson said Med Group services would be limited, but that a military sick call will be held from 6-7 a.m. both days.



Air Force photo by Margo Wright

Medical technicians Tech. Sgt. Craig Harris, Airman 1st Class Shaniese Moss and Staff Sgt. Vicki Moore review medical records at the 72nd Medical Group. The upcoming Personal Health Assessment prepares a fit force ready to deploy.

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agencies in other countries have arrested literally hundreds of people and are interrogating them,” Myers said. “The Department of Treasury, with cooperation from nations from around the globe, have frozen a great many bank accounts and frozen millions of dollars of assets that are connected to terrorist organizations.”

He said State Department negotiations with friends and allies continue the diplomatic pressure on nations. This has

caused some nations to break off relations with the Taliban, while others “are looking to themselves and their circumstance and the extent to which they might be seen to creating an environment hospitable to terrorists and making an adjustment to the way they behave.”

The war against terrorism, Rumsfeld emphasized, isn’t against the Afghan people, but against Osama bin Laden, his Taliban protectors and others who foster global terrorism.

In light of recent events, Roche said the Air Force has entered an era in which it is compelled to rethink its defensive posture in a changed environment.

“We must develop a strategy for a different era,” he said.

Although, he added, the recent world events have not changed his initial goals and initiatives since he took office as secretary of the Air Force.

“[Recent events] do not change our

priorities because as a contingency force, and as an expeditionary air and space force, we are already configured to deal with any contingencies that arise,” Roche said. “We will continue our transformation into an even better force, with superb systems and leaders, as we contribute to this campaign.”

(Compiled from reports by Air Force Print News and American Forces Press Service)



Secretary of Defense message to Department of Defense personnel

(Released Oct. 7, 2001, at the start of U.S. and coalition air attacks on Taliban-held and terrorist targets in Afghanistan.)

On Sept. 24, the president launched the first strike in the global war against terrorism by attacking the financial foundations of terrorist operations around the globe. Today, the United States launched the second.

As the world knows, U.S. warplanes commenced Operation Enduring Freedom with raids on military targets and terrorist training camps in Afghanistan at approximately 12:30 p.m. Eastern time today. These raids were not a single event or a solitary campaign, but are the first in a sustained and continu-



ous operation to destroy terrorist networks, disrupt terrorist activities and prevent further terrorist atrocities such as the ones that occurred in the attack on America on Tuesday, Sept. 11.

Our purpose is to shift the balance of power from the forces of oppression to the forces of freedom. Over time, we intend to deny to terrorists the country of Afghanistan as a base of operations, provide aid to the Afghan people who are the victims of Taliban oppression, and put terrorists everywhere, and all of those who foster and facilitate them, on notice that we will root them out wherever

they exist.

As the president has said, this is not a mission we sought. Rather, it was thrust upon us. We take these actions in self-defense. We take them in deliberate response to the acts of war directed against the American people. We take them after careful planning, to identify sites where terrorists are trained, supported and harbored. To destroy their infrastructure and suppress their ability to threaten us and others and to send a message that the friends of terrorists everywhere are at risk.

And, we will continue, in conjunction with our friends and allies around the world, to take whatever action is necessary to defend freedom and counter terrorist aggression.

As the men and women of America's armed forces, you are the sharp sword of freedom. You fight

without pause and without complaint, on foreign seas and in dangerous skies. You voluntarily sacrifice a life of ease and the comfort of your families so that others may enjoy blessings and benefits of liberty.

Your task will not be quick. It will not be easy. But your mission is clear, your cause is just, and the hearts and prayers of Americans and people everywhere who long for freedom are with you. To each of you, military and civilian, our gratitude and our prayers.

You have the full confidence and support of President Bush, our commander-in-chief.

You also have mine.

We know you are ready and we know we will prevail.

— Donald H. Rumsfeld

Airmen describe experiences during bombings in Afghanistan

Sgt. 1st Class Kathleen T. Rhem
American Forces Press Service

"Like being a football player at the Super Bowl" is how one Air Force bombardier described being part of the initial wave of offensive strikes in America's war on terrorism.

"I was honored to act in the service of my country for defending freedom for all people," said "Vinnie," the B-1 bomber offensive systems officer who participated in Oct. 7 strikes on Afghanistan.

Late Oct. 7, the Air Force arranged for reporters to speak to five Air Force officers who took part in the bombing. Security concerns dictated that the officers only be identified by their call signs and that their location not be disclosed.

Vinnie described troops at the base he took off from lining the tarmac waving flags as the jets took off. "I think everybody, no matter what job they had, came out to support the launch of the jets," he said. "It was very patriotic. We felt very proud."

Pride in America and in a job well done was the overriding theme in the officers' remarks. "The president counted on us to do a job, and the [American] people counted on us to do a job tonight," said "Doc", a radar officer aboard a B-52 bomber.

"Whether you're from Manhattan or the Washington, D.C. area, it doesn't really matter," he said. "We're all Americans, and we're all in this together."

By these airmen's accounts, the evening's events went as they'd hoped — their training and experience pulled them safely through.

"It all came together because we



train for this," said "Woodstock", a B-52 pilot. "This is what the American citizens expect us to be able to do, and in peacetime we prepare for these eventualities." He said all the moving parts, from their intelligence information to their ground crews, came together like a "finely oiled machine."

Vinnie said he believes successful training also kept nerves from detracting from their missions. "Everybody [feels nervous], but the purpose overrides that, and the mission overrides that," he said. "That's what you're taught every day."

As tanker pilot "Chummer" said, "In peacetime, practice makes perfect."

Just because they returned to base safely doesn't mean the flights were risk-free. The planes did come under anti-aircraft fire over Afghanistan. "My crews didn't encounter any threat that we weren't prepared to deal with," Woodstock said.

Vinnie said the mission wasn't as difficult as the training scenarios they work through.

Doc agreed. "You never want to be unprepared," he said. "That's why you train to the most rigorous standards as possible."

The men said the weather wasn't a factor because it was a clear night and the mission was devoid of the cockpit and cabin chit-chat and outbursts often portrayed in the movies.

"We keep the cockpit professional and quiet. That's the way we do business," Vinnie said. "We have a lot more other things to worry about than making emotional comments."

Something different about the evening stood out in each man's mind. Woodstock noted that someone had recently painted "NYPD — We Remember" on the nose of one of the B-52s used in the bombing run.

"Stinky", a tanker pilot, remembered hearing part of President Bush's address to the nation while out on his mission. "It kind of made chills go up my back," he said. "[It] made me real proud to be an American, proud to be in the military."

NATO AWACS aircraft deploy to the states

Gerry J. Gilmore and Rudi Williams
American Forces Press Service

NATO has sent five of its Airborne Warning and Control Systems aircraft from Germany to Tinker Air Force Base in a historic first.

The action will free America's own AWACS for operations against terrorism elsewhere, according to Air Force Gen. Joseph W. Ralston, supreme allied commander, Europe. This marks the first time in NATO's 52-year history that the alliance's assets are being used to help protect the United States, officials noted.

The aircraft began deploying Oct. 9 from Geilenkirchen, Germany.

The aircraft, under North American Aerospace Defense command, will be flown by multinational crews from 12 NATO nations, Air Force Capt. Ed Thomas, NORAD spokesman, noted. NORAD is responsible for air defense and early air warning for North American airspace.

"These ... actions underline the unwavering commitment of the 19 NATO nations to fight terrorism," Ralston said.

Security reminders

Before you sell or trade your car, the Tinker identification sticker must be scraped off and turned in to Pass and ID.

Also, identification cards must not be worn off base. Upon leaving base, Tinker personnel should remove all badges including Bldg. 3001 badges and restricted access badges and secure them out of sight. Badges should not be left in a vehicle.



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actions to reduce flow days and increase aircraft throughput.

The Defense Logistics Agency, the Logistics Management Directorate and workers within the KC-135 Weapon System Support Center “chased parts” for the mechanics on the line.

The Airborne Accessories Production Division and the Engine Production Division ensured parts were returned to the Aircraft Production Division on time. The Services Branch in LAP painted aircraft in record time. Flight crews from the 10th Flight Test Squadron ensured functional check flights were conducted efficiently.

Mechanics, engineers and support staffs worked overtime and on week-ends, monitoring production and ensur-

ing Team Tinker met its commitment to the chief.

KC-135 modification sites are operated by Raytheon Aerospace at March Air Reserve Base, Calif.; Fairchild AFB, Wash.; McConnell AFB, Kan.; Grand Forks AFB, N.D.; Forbes Air National Guard Base, Kan.; Grissom ARB, In.; and Pease ANGB, N.H. In addition, BAE Systems in California has multiple lines installing Pacer CRAG.

“All of these sites came through for us — they brought the Pacer CRAG modification down from 42 possessed aircraft to 32; one of the big success stories in meeting the CSAF goal,” said Capt. Bill Patrick.

Program managers consolidated modifications and reduced the number

of aircraft possessed without increasing the time each modification takes.

The Pacer CRAG modification is a high Air Mobility Command priority program and will be completed this year. The project encompasses major cockpit modifications that require 3,000 hours per aircraft. LC recognizes that with the end of this project, the number of depot possessed aircraft will decline, ensuring that the goal of 100 is met next year. “We plan to sustain no more than 100 aircraft in depot status,” said Ramsey.

Lt. Gen. Charles Coolidge, Air Force Materiel Command vice commander, said the tremendous challenge and effort expended by the entire team deserved recognition and he thanked

them for an outstanding effort. He said that both AFMC and AMC were pleased.

Tinker extended thanks to the work-force by setting aside time for a KC-135 appreciation picnic Oct. 5, where awards and recognition were presented.

“I am very proud of my KC-135 System Program Office team,” said Kelly. “They have a ‘refuse to fail’ mentality which any leader would envy. These aircraft are vital for strategic air power projection around the world. In light of recent world events, this outstanding achievement by the entire -135 team could not have come at a better time.”

“Well done to all,” said Air Force Secretary James G. Roche.

